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SUBJ: MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN LABOR LEADERS,
11:15AM SATURDAY, JUNE 11

1. FOLLOWING IS SCENARIO FOR MRS CARTER'S VISIT TO THE
"LABOR HOUSE" (CASA SINDICAL) TOGETHER WITH BACKGROUND
INFO.

2. SCENARIO
10:40AM PARTY LEAVES LA CASON, ACCOPANIED BY SRA
DE PEREZ.
1105AM ARRIVE CASA SINDICAL
MRS. CARTER AND HER PARTY AND SRA DE PEREZ AILL BE RECEIVED
AT THE DOOR OF THE CASA SINDICAL BY AMBASSADOR VAKY, AMBASSADOR
TODMAN, LABOR ATTACHE TURNQUIST AND A GROUP OF VENEZUELAN
TRADE UNIONISTS. AMBASSADOR VAKY WILL INTRODUCE MRS CARTER TO
CONGRESSMAN RAFAEL LEON LEON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) AND CONGRESSMAN
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SOTERO RODRIGUQZ, SECREARY GENERAL OF THE UNIFIED FEDERATION OF
WORKERS (FUT). MRS CARTER AND HER PARTY WILL BE TAKEN TO THE
CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR TO MEET WITH THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCILS (20TO 30 PERSONS) OF THE CTV AND THE FUT
FOR A HALF HOUR INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS.
SOME 200 LOCAL TRADE UNION LEADERS WILL FORM AN AUDIENCE
AT THE MEETING.

-- CONGRESSMEN RODRIGUEZ AND LEON LEON WILL MAKE BRIEF WELCOMING REMARKS. MRS CARTER WILL BE EXPECTED TO RESPOND VERY BRIEFLY IN A SENTENCE OR TWO. THE DISCUSSION WILL, FOR THE MOST PART, TAKE THE FORM OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON SEVERAL OF THE FOLLOWING THEMES: THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA, HUMAN RIGHTS, THE COMPARATIVE ROLES OF TRADE UNIONS IN THE US AND IN VENEZUELA, AND VENEZUELAN LABOR'S ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR. THE UNION LEADERS WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND AS WELL TO ANY QUESTIONS MRS CARTER MAY HAVE. DURING THE DISCUSSION THREE OR FOUR TRADE UNIONISTS PRESENT WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE UNION LEADERS TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES. AS 11:45AM APPROACHES, CONGRESSMAN RODRIGUEZ WILL EXPLAIN THAT MRS CARTER HAS A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 12:30 AND THUS MUST TAKE HER LEAVE. MRS CARTER WILL SAY A FEW WORDS OF THANKS.

11:45AM CONGRESSMEN RODRIGUEZ AND LEON LEON WILL ESCORT MRS CARTER AND HER PARTY AND SRA DE PEREZ TO THEIR CARS.

12 NOON PARTY ARRIVES CIRCLO MILITAR

3. PRESS COVERAGE. VENEZUELAN LABOR LEADERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT BOTH AMERICAN AND VENEZUELAN MEDIA WILL COVER THIS EVENT. IN ADDITION TO COVERING MRS CARTER'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM CASA SINDICAL, THEY ARE EXPECTED TO COVER THE MEETING ITSELF.

4. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND ON THE VENEZUELAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND LABOR PERSONALITIES.

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A VENEZUELAN LABOR CONFEDERATION (CTV). CTV IS EQUIVALENT OF THE AFL-CIO IN THE US. IT HAS 1,500,00 MEMBERS (40 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE). ORGANIZED IN 68 CONSTITUENT REGIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL FEDERATIONS. IT HAS A 15 MAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMPOSED OF 9 AD, 3 COPEI 2 MEP AND 1 MORENA REPRESENTATIVES.

B. UNIFIED WORKERS FEDERATION (FUT). THIS IS A REGIONAL LABOR FEDERATION FOR THE CARACAS METROPOLITAN AREA. IT HAS 250,000 MEMBERS AND 100 CONSTITUENT UNIONS. IT IS THE LARGEST FEDERATION OF THE CTV. IT HAS A 9 MAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF 7 AD AND 2 COPEI REPRESENTATIVES.

C. BIO INFO. CONGRESSMAN SOTERO RODRIGUEZ IS IN HIS EARLY 50S. RODRIGUEZ IS AN AD PARTY STALWART. CONGRESSMAN LEON LEON IS A TRANSPORT WORKER IN HIS MIDDLE 40S AND WHO IS ALSO A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COPEI PARTY.

4. CASA SINDICAL. CASA SINDICAL, LOCATED IN EL PARAISO,
A LOWER MIDDLE-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD, IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF
THE FUT AND MANY OF ITS COMPONENT UNIONS AND, IN ESSENCE,
IS THE CARACAS UNION HALL..
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